different phases. These sources are IDA of World Bank, European Commission (EC), Government of Netherlands, Department for International Development of U.K.(DFID) and UNICEF. The terms of this assistance varies. Of this about Rs. 1338.00 crores is an outright grant and does not have to be repaid. Credits received from the IDA carry no interest charges and are repayable in 35 years including a grace period of 10 years. However, a service charge of 0.75% on the principal amount withdrawn and outstanding and a commitment charge of 0.5% on the principal amount not withdrawn is payable on the credit.

Vacant posts of Teachers in primary schools

2208. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:
SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian habitations do not have primary schools within one km. of walking distance;

(b) how many primary schools in India have only one or two teachers teaching five classes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that thousands of vacancies are lying unfilled in primary schools; if so, what steps are being taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the Sixth All India Educational Survey (1993), 20.12 percent primary schools in the country have only one teacher and 41.92 percent have only two teachers, while 94% of the country's rural population has primary schooling facility within distance of 1 km.

(c) Pursuant to National Policy on Education, 1986, the Government had launched the scheme of Operation Blackboard which *inter alia* provided for two teachers in every primary school. Accordingly grants were sanctioned to the states for providing one additional teacher in all single teacher primary

schools that existed as on 30.9.1986. The State Governments were also requested to provide at least two teachers in all primary schools opened after that date.

Posts of B.El.Ed. Teachers in DU Colleges

2209. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:
VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of posts of Lecturers sanctioned by the UGC for the Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.) programme going on for the last six years in five colleges of Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission out of the five colleges of University of Delhi running the Bachelor of Elementary Education course only one college is being provided financial assistance for five posts of lecturer as per UGC norms of teacher/ pupil ratio; three colleges are running this course on self-financing basis; and in respect of the remaining one neither the course has been approved by the UGC nor any financial assistance is being provided for running this course.

Government-UNICEF tie-up for upgrading educational standards in Delhi

2210. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and UNICEF have tied-up to improve educational standards and infrastructure in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have collaborated with UNICEF, SCERT and NGOs to turnaround the academic performance of 50 schools faring poorly;

(c) whether attention is also being paid to the problem of actue shortage of teachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and